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**WARNING FOR MASSACHUSETTS PET OWNERS
REGARDING DIAMOND PET FOOD**

Certain Diamond Pet Food products are being pulled from the shelves due to the potential presence of aflatoxin in pet food manufactured at the company's facility in Gaston, South Carolina and distributed in New England. [The list of affected products is attached.] Aflatoxin is a naturally-occurring toxic chemical by-product from the growth of the fungus *Aspergillus flavus*, on corn and other crops.

Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR), which monitors pet food quality, urges all purchasers of Diamond Pet Food products to check if the following information is applicable. Diamond Pet Food products are available at over 40 Massachusetts locations; a complete list is available at www.diamondpetfood.com/DiamondPet/dealer.php?state=MA.

Symptoms of illness in pets affected would include sluggishness or lethargy combined with a reluctance to eat, yellowish tint to the eyes and/or gums, and severe or bloody diarrhea. Pet owners are urged to consult their veterinarian immediately if pets display these symptoms.

The Gaston facility date codes are unique from other Diamond facility codes in that either the eleventh or twelfth character in the date code will be a capital "G" (in reference to Gaston). The range of date codes being reviewed are "Best By 01-March-07" through "Best By 11-June-07".

Diamond's statement on the matter says in part, "Out of an abundance of caution, we have notified our distributors and recommended they hold the sale of all Diamond Pet Food products formulated with corn that were produced out of our Gaston facility."

Diamond's records substantiate that its corn shipments were clear of aflatoxin after December 10, 2005. As such, any date codes later than "Best By 11-June-07" are not affected by this notice.

Massachusetts is one of 22 states serviced by the Gaston facility including: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, West Virginia, Vermont, and Virginia.

Products manufactured at the company's facilities in Meta, Missouri and Lathrop, California are not affected. For further information please log onto: www.diamondpetfood.com/

Gaston Facility Products Removed From Sale	
Diamond Low Fat Dog Food	Professional Chicken & Rice Senior Dog Food
Diamond Hi-Energy Dog Food	Professional Reduced Fat Chicken & Rice Dog Food
Diamond Maintenance Dog Food	Professional Adult Dog Food
Diamond Performance Dog Food	Professional Large-Breed Puppy Food
Diamond Premium Adult Dog Food	Professional Puppy Food
Diamond Puppy Food	Professional Reduced Fat Cat Food
Diamond Maintenance Cat Food	Professional Adult Cat Food
Diamond Professional Cat Food	
Country Value Puppy	
Country Value Adult Dog	
Country Value High Energy Dog	
Country Value Adult Cat Food	